

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination are requested.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Munsell (US 5,839,099) in view of Cohrs (US 5,960,393).

Claim 3 has been allowed and claims 4, 5, 8-10 and 13-15 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

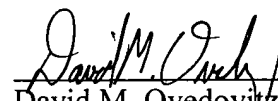
In order to expedite prosecution of the application, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Further claims 4, 5, 8-10 and 13-15 have been amended so as to include the limitations of these respective base and intervening claims. As a result, all of the remaining claims are now allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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